A MOTHER'S CARES.

Oh, who can tell the thousand cares a mother only knows,

evening's glad repose? The stitches and the steps she takes

From earliest dawn of morning light till

there's nobody can count, Or number all her busy thoughts, and

tell us their amount; But this I'm sure—from morning's dawn till evening's silent close,

A mother has a thousand cares a mother only knows.

Just see her little family, suppose it

numbers nine.

Who, eighteen scores of times a year, must breakfast, sup and dine;

So often must the snow-white cloth upon the board be spread, For self and husband—daughters four,

two sons, and kitchen maid; So often must each dish be washed, each

fork and spoon and knife; Who wonders if the mother fades amid the cares of life.

I said her little family—'tis not so very small,

And yet 'tis hers to wash, and bake, and brew and mend for all.

She may have help. But who knows not most modern help removes

No very heavy cares, except "the fishes and the loaves"?

So week by week and year by year, to

"manage" her affairs, She meekly toils to guide the house

amid a thousand cares.

She's not a moment's time to waste, but,

steady as the clock, She knits the boys their Winter hose, or

darns a daughter's frock; She's waiter to a thousand wants, and

hears a thousand pleas From hungry ones just come from school,

or babe upon her knees;

And not a bruise does one receive, but, oh! she shares the smart,

With all the deep, warm sympathy that thrills a mother's heart.

'Tis she that rocks the cradled babe with kind and patient heart;

The earliest at the couch of pain, the latest to depart;

She toils and toils the livelong day, and when she seeks repose,

Her busy thoughts will scarce allow her weary lids to close.

Whose ears like hers the whole night

long attends each painful noise, The croupy breathing of her girls, the

coughing of her boys?

Nor will she from the Summer's heat nor Winter's coldness shrink, But rises in the sultry night to give her

children drink; And when the wintry wild winds howl

and urge the drifting storm. She'll rise and spread an extra quilt to

keep the children warm.

There's none so full of cares as she upon the wide, wide earth.

And yet a mother is not prized one-half

a mother's worth.

Forgive me then, this fond attempt from thoughts of other days, To rear to mothers' memories a monu-

ument of praise; For one yet lives upon the earth for

whom my heart doth swell

With filial gratitude and love as words can never tell.

That one is she who gave me birth, who

'mid a thousand cares,

Poured out, and still pours out, for me a mother's yearning prayers

-E. P. Dyer.

Mousehold.

LEMON CAKE.

One-half cup of sugar, one-half cup of butter, one-half cup of milk, two cups of flour, two eggs, juice and grate the rind of one lemon, one-half teaspoonful of soda; bake in small square tins and ice on sides and

CARAMELS.

ing it out of the pan flavor with around it.

vanilla or lemon. Pour into a buttered dish and before it gets perfectly cold cut into squares, by running a knife up and down the dish, about an inch big. It will break nicely when cold.

OKRA GOMBO.

Chop a pound of veal into pieces an inch square, cut a slice of ham into dice, and slice three dozen extra pods, one onion and a pod of pepper; sprinkle them lightly with flour and fry until a nice brown in a tablespoonful of lard. Add to this a half gallon of boiling water, and boil gently for two hours. When half done, put in two tablespoonfuls of tomatoes, and just before sending to the table season with any preferred herbs. Serve with boiled rice.

LEMON CREAM PIE.

The juice and grated rind of one lemon, one cup of white sugar, the yolks of two eggs, three tablespoonfuls of sifted flour and rich milk enough to fill your plate or pan. This makes a large pie and should be made with an under crust only. Bake until nearly done, then take it from the oven and spread it over the beaten whites of two eggs, with two tablespoonfuls of powdered sugar. Set back in the oven until brown. Eat cool, or quite cold.

FROSTED PEACHES.

Twelve large, ripe peaches, free stones, whites of three eggs whisked to a standing froth, two spoonfuls water, one cup powdered sugar. Put water and beaten whites together, dip in each peach, when you have rubbed off the fur and rolled in powdered sugar. Set carefully upon the stem end upon white paper laid on a waiter in a sunny window. When half dry roll again in sugar. Expose to the sun and breeze until dry, then put in a cold, dry place until ready to arrange in glass dish for the table.

POTATO PANCAKES.

Potato pancakes make an excellent dish for supper. Serve with the same embellishments in the way of pickles, sauces, as you would do were the dish you were offering fried oysters. Grate a dozen medium sized potatoes, after peeling them and washing thoroughly. Add the yolks of three eggs, a heaping tablespoonful flour, and if they seem too them, with a large teaspoonful of salt and lastly the whites of three eggs beaten stiff, and thoroughly beaten in with the potatoes. Heat your griddle and put butter and lard in equal proportions on it, and fry the cakes until they are brown. Make them a third larger than the ordinary size of the pancake.

INDIAN PUDDING.

Have one quart of milk in a stewpan over the fire, just ready to boil stir into this four tablespoonfuls of Indian meal which has been moistened in cold milk enough to render it of a lumpless, creamy consistency; after it is thoroughly mixed in hot milk add three tablespoonfuls of molasses; add a teaspoonful of salt after it has boiled rapidly ten or fifteen minutes, and you are ready to pour it into a well-buttered puddingdish. It will bake so as to be as good as the average in two hours, but remember those brick oven puddings that sat in the oven all night and were the better for it, and, after it has baked thoroughly, set in the hot closet of your range and give it all the time you can, the more the better. Six hours is three times as well as two. Add butter now and then to keep the top from burning.

BEEF ROLL.

Chop two pounds of lean beef very fine; chop and pound in a mortar half a pound of bacon and mix it with the beef. Season it with pepper and salt, a small nutmeg, the grated rind of a lemon, the juice of a quarter of it, a heaping tablespoonful of parsely, minced fine; or it can be seasoned with an additional tablespoonful of onion; or if no onion or parsely is at hand, with summer savory and thyme. Bind all these together with two eggs; form them into a roll; surround the roll with buttered paper, which tie securely around it; then cover it with a paste made of flour and water; bake two hours; remove the paper and crust; One and a half pounds of sugar, serve it hot with tomato sauce or one cup of cream, one tablespoonful brown gravy. This may be made of butter, half a cake of Baker's with raw or under-dressed meat. choclate. Mix all together in a If the meat is not raw, but understewpan and let it cook, stirring it dressed surround the roll with pie frequently until done. You can find crust; bake and serve with tomato this out by dropping a little in a sauce, or any of the brown sauces, tumbler of water; if it hardens at poured in the bottom of the dish; once it is done. Just before pour- potato croquettes may be served

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